

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth in the following Claim Listing.

CLAIM LISTING:

1 - 14. (Cancelled).

15. (New) A method of treating gingival detachment of at least 3 mm comprising the steps of:

- (a) physically removing biofilm from supragingival tooth surfaces by using a ribbed and grooved bristled toothbrush in combination with toothpaste containing soft abrasives;
- (b) physically removing biofilm from interproximal tooth surfaces by using a ribbed and grooved bristled proxy brush in combination with proxy gel containing soft abrasives; and
- (c) physically removing biofilm from interproximal and subgingival tooth surfaces by using dental floss or dental tape containing releasable soft abrasives,

wherein the soft abrasives are physically worked into the supragingival, interproximal and subgingival biofilms, thereby assisting in the disruption and removal of said biofilms from tooth surfaces.

16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the toothbrush includes from three to five ribs and grooves.

17. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the toothbrush has five ribs and grooves.

18. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the proxy brush includes from three to five ribs and grooves.

19. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the proxy brush has five ribs and grooves.

20. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the toothpaste further contains an emulsion of nonionic surfactants and polydimethylsiloxanes.

21. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the proxy gel further contains an emulsion of nonionic surfactants and polydimethylsiloxanes.

22. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the dental floss or dental tape further contains an emulsion of nonionic surfactants and polydimethylsiloxanes.

23. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the toothpaste further contains one or more therapeutic substances.

24. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the proxy gel further contains one or more therapeutic substances.

25. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the dental floss or dental tape further contains one or more therapeutic substances.

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